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## Editorial

Bad news and good news this time: the former regard the delay of this edition of our journal caused by unforeseen circumstances affecting my stressful 5,000 miles transatlantic move; I trust that most of you will not be surprised by difficulties caused by bureaucracy, complexities and complications (including Covid). My apologies to readers and members for the delay; furthermore, rest assured that as far as I am concerned, this experience will remain a once in a lifetime experience.

As for the good news: once more Fil-Italia has been honoured at the Annual Virtual Literature Exhibition of Philatelic Articles held in Los Angeles under the auspices of SESCAL 2021. Chairperson of the event was Lois M. Evans-De Violini.

The following articles recently published by Fil-Italia were awarded medals: GOLD: Giorgio Migliavacca "Apostolic Delegation in Egypt during World War II" (co-authored by Michael Lamothe); LARGE VERMEIL: Luciano Maria "The First Italo-Ethiopian War (1895-1896)"; VERMEIL: Emilio F. Calcagno "HRH The Princess and HM The Queen"; LARGE SILVER: Claudio Riccardo Incerti "Caproni and the solitary giant - The story of the Ca 90 P.B.". SILVER: Alan Becker "Messina Earthquake: 28 December 1908". A total of five medals, ranging from gold to silver, has confirmed the high quality of contents of our journal and the news has been welcomed by the authors and the editor.

Readers will remember that at the first edition of the international event held in Sarasota two years ago, the well-researched article written by Claudio Riccardo Incerti about the Balbo flight covers addressed to USA Mayors earned a gold medal,

On 30 October, members of the Italian Maximaphily Society (AIM) gathered at the Bay of the Fairy Tales of Sestri Levante (Eastern Genoese Riviera) to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the AIM and to hold elections of the new Board of Directors and officers. The new Board of Directors now includes yours truly who received 44 votes.

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